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Pay equity a reality

by Hannah Scissons
The Carillon (CUP)

After 20 years, equal work will finally mean equal pay for Saskatchewan government workers.

A new Pay Equity Policy being implemented in government-related jobs is based on equal pay for work of equal value, says Janine Reed, pay equity advisor for the Saskatchewan Women's Secretariat.

Although the government announced the new policy on International Women's Day and pointed to it as a commitment to women's issues, those involved with implementing the policy stress that it involves more than just women.

"The new job evaluation tries to break down the key elements of the jobs," said Reed.

The gender-neutral job evaluation will assign points under the categories of skill, education, responsibility, and workload. The employees will then enter into a collective bargaining process to attempt to make jobs with similar points have similar pay.

The Worker's Compensation Board is the first to implement the new policy, finalizing the process in the middle of March. Wage adjustments will begin in April.

In a dinner speech, Joanne Crofford, Minister responsible for the Status of Women, announced that the evaluation process at the Board had resulted in \$10,000 pay increases for some women.

Donald Ford, assistant director of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, says the adjustments are a good start, but the government needs to address the private sector as well.

"It's a start. To be completely satisfactory it has to go further than just the government agencies," Ford said. "It's not going to help the thousands of women working in the private industry."

The government is proud of the small steps it is taking. In an address to the Saskatchewan Legislature, MLA Doreen Hamilton announced the new policy, concluding: "It is by such small, incremental steps as these that equality will one day be achieved."

Pay equity has been part of the Canadian Human Rights Act since 1977. It addresses the concern that traditional women's jobs are paid less than traditional men's jobs which are essentially equivalent in worth.

Provinces such as Ontario and Quebec have enacted proactive legislation to address pay equity problems, while some provinces such as Newfoundland and British Columbia have gone with collective bargaining strategies.

Wilf Herzog, Human Resources Consultant at Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology, which will be implementing the new policy later in the year, says Saskatchewan's approach is probably better than other provinces.

"It's not just a gender issue perspective -- it addresses pay equity in all aspects," says Herzog.

However, he is hesitant to say what he expects from the new policy. "At the end of the day the changes may not be that significant."

Sierra Club reveals forest devastation

by Sharon Bennett
The Martlet (CUP)

For years, B.C.'s forestry industry has challenged environmentalists to prove their claims that forests are being cut at unsustainable levels.

Now after six years of research, the Sierra Club of B.C. has met their challenge. On March 19, the club released maps that show over half of B.C.'s old growth rainforest has been destroyed.

"This is the majestic ancient rainforest that most of us have grown up in," said Vicky Husband, conservation chair for the Sierra Club of B.C. "I think it's shocking how little remains."

Husband says that unlike tropical rainforests, not much is known about the bio-diversity of the world's temperate rainforests, one-quarter of which are in B.C.

"We're beginning to understand that they are one of the most productive ecosystems in the world," said Husband.

The map, based on interpreted satellite imagery, shows only a few areas where large sections of temperate rainforest remain, mostly on the central coast and in Clayoquot Sound.

"These large sections are under attack," said Husband, as are unique ecosystems and species. "We end up with a huge responsibility to the world."

Husband was critical of forest companies' recent lobbying efforts to relax logging regulations and reduce stumpage fees. There are already problems with the Forest Practices Code, she said, citing a Sierra Club Legal Defence Fund audit which showed that 83 per cent of the streams studied were clear-cut to the banks.

"We were told that streams would be protected [under the Forest Practices Code]."

"I think it's time to examine where we've come from and where we're going," Husband said. "And I think it's time to make a change."

Husband was joined at the press conference by professional forester Herb Hammond who said now that the evidence has been compiled, forestry in B.C. has to change.

"As a professional forester, I'm here to say the cat's out of the bag," Hammond said. "These maps are an embarrassment to the profession of forestry."

Corporate-based economies are a big part of the problem, according to Hammond. He points out that as long as the forest is exploited for the benefit of shareholders, the communities who depend on forestry, and the ecosystem, will suffer.

Hammond says we humans need to shift to a community-based economy. "Economies are subsets of human cultures and human cultures are subsets of ecosystems," Hammond said.

"If you have a light hand on the ecosystem you have a far more diverse economy."

The Sierra Club's announcement comes hot on the heels of the follow-up conference to the 1992 Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit.

At the March 18 conference, it was announced that Canada was one of the countries who had not lived up to commitments it made at Rio.

Students occupy education ministry office

by Sharon Bennett
The Martlet (CUP)

Eight University of Victoria students staged an impromptu overnight occupation of the deputy Minister of Education's office last Friday night to protest a proposed 310 per cent tuition increase for international students at the University of British Columbia.

The demonstration began at 3 p.m. on Friday, March 21, with over 20 students storming the office. Once inside, activists took over two desks and began phoning media outlets around Victoria and sending out press releases by e-mail.

Deputy Minister Don Avison was in session at the legislature but assistant Deputy Minister Shell Harvey met with three of the protesters to hear their demands.

UVic student leaders expressed their outrage about the UBC tuition increase, as well their concerns about the mounting funding pressures at UVic.

"Our position is that there shouldn't be any differential fees for international students because what happens is only the wealthiest students from other nations are able to attend," said UVic student councilor Leigh Phillips. "This flies in the face of accessibility, which this government is supposed to be in favour of."

Harvey said that although the UBC tuition increase was large, it only brought the international students fees up to par with the rest of Canada.

"It's not the position of the provincial government to get into commenting on the decisions of the boards," Harvey told protesters. "But there's two things I would note. First, the percentage increases that are reported at UBC certainly appear extremely high."

"Second point is, the absolute level, however, probably is right in about the national average," said Harvey. "The B.C. fees were the lowest in the nation by quite a dramatic amount, apart from Quebec."

Phillips also expressed concern that the UVic administration would, like UBC, try some sideways moves to slip out the tuition freeze.

"Our own university, to get around the tuition freeze, has tried to increase ancillary fees," Phillips said. "They're looking to introduce an Athletics and Rec user fee, they have increased class sizes in English and biology, and now arts and science as a faculty is going to be cut nine per cent in each department."

"This is unacceptable; our education is suffering," Phillips said.

Harvey agreed that ancillary fees were not to be used as substitutes for tuition fees, and that the education ministry's guidelines on this point were quite clear and specific.

Unlike the Victoria protesters, who brought no provisions for an overnight stay, the 25 students who marched into UBC President David Strangway's office on March 20 were equipped with sleeping bags, cooking facilities and food. Ten of those protesters occupied Strangway's office for five days.

The UBC Graduate Student

Society says students there are protesting a recent 310 per cent increase in tuition fees for new international graduate students and a 200 per cent increase for returning grad students.

They also oppose new technology and athletics fees that they say go against the provincial government's tuition freeze.

"These students are the highest quality researchers from around the world who have been educated at their home country's expense and who are coming here to produce the highest quality research on behalf of UBC," said Makoto Fujiwara, a Ph.D student from Japan.

"These students cannot be looked at simply as a source of revenue."

The UBC protesters are demanding that tuition increases for international students be revoked and that all new ancillary fees and increases be revoked. They also demand that a binding student referendum be held on all such fees in the future. Both the UBC and UVic protesters demanded that all protesters receive amnesty from legal or academic discipline.

After several of the angry UVic students met with assistant Deputy Minister Harvey, eight of the protesters decided to continue the occupation overnight in solidarity with the UBC occupation.

Harvey made it clear that if the protesters chose to stay, they risked arrest and would not have access to phone over the weekend. However, ministry officials opted to hire security guards to watch the protesters overnight, warning them they had to leave by noon on Saturday.



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Federal Liberals target youth for election

by Nihal Sherif and Samer Muscati
The Fulcrum (CUP)

Rarely a day goes by without the doors of Youth Today opening and young people coming in to drop off their resumes. The youth publication in Ottawa isn't hiring, but that doesn't stop young people from trying to get a job at the newspaper, said coordinator Louise Waldman.

"It's very depressing because we can't hire these people," said Waldman, who expects the job inquiries to increase significantly when summer starts. "They're highly intelligent and motivated people looking for jobs eight hours a day. And there just aren't enough jobs out there."

Waldman considers herself fortunate to have a part-time job when 600,000 workers under the age of 25 are unemployed or underemployed. But she is still uncertain of her future job prospects when she graduates with a Masters degree from the University of Ottawa in January, and doesn't know how she'll pay off her \$25,000 student loan.

"Most of the friends I graduated with aren't working in their field of choice. They're all working in dead-end McJobs, doing retail or telephone soliciting."

She's also unimpressed with the federal Liberal government's past youth initiatives and strategies dealing with the transition from education to employment.

"If you look at some of the employment programs around, they're so hard to access, you have to have a PhD in bureaucracy just to fill out the forms for some of these programs," said Waldman.

Waldman is part of an increasingly disillusioned and disenfranchised baby-bust generation which feels governments are not effectively addressing the concerns of younger generations.

According to federal government statistics, youth unemployment (ages 15 to 24) today is almost double the national average at 17.9 per cent. That's up from 11.1 per cent in 1990 -- a 61 per cent jump over six years.

Bankruptcies among recent postsecondary graduates, in English Canada only, have more than doubled over five years with 7,850 bankruptcies in 1995-96 compared to 3,300 in 1990-91.

And Statistics Canada study released on May 24 concludes the Canadian labour market is so hostile to young people that one in five under the age of 25 had no work experience in 1996, a proportion that has doubled since 1989. That was the lowest level in 20 years and there are no signs of a turnaround.

The Liberal approach to youth under its current mandate has

been to diagnose the problem through its latest ministerial task force report on youth, *Take on the Future: Canadian Youth in the World of Work*.

As part of a series of pre-election youth initiatives, the government announced last month it would spend an extra \$255 million to help young people get summer work.

To break the youth unemployment trap, Ottawa has set aside \$120 million to create 60,000 summer jobs over the next two years. The last \$135 million will be spent on 20,000 internship programs with the cost shared by private companies.

The Liberal commitment to youth is such that Prime Minister Jean Chretien was quoted in *Take on the Future* as saying, "We want young Canadians to become active participants in the economy. They want jobs. They deserve jobs. Young people want to embrace the future not fear it. It is up to all of us to create that hope and opportunity for them."

The disparity between what the Liberal's say and the reality of youth is pronounced. A generation of youth is having trouble just entering the workforce in a meaningful way, Waldman said. There is an education crisis

where everyone talks about the need for at least 16 years of education to get a job while funding in this sector is being slashed. And the increased student debt levels are also taking their toll with less and less kids attending postsecondary institutions, she added.

The youth strategy announcements tend to have little credibility among young people, Waldman said, describing them as big fanfares with little to offer. They are more likely to help university graduates in specialized fields rather than underprivileged youth who need them most.

"[The policies] tend to fizzle out because in the end they don't really address the concerns that the young people are raising," Waldman said. "They pretend to or they claim to, but the end result is the fact that none of these problems have been resolved at all."

Pierre Pettigrew, minister of human resources development Canada, says the transition to the workforce for students is sometimes difficult, adding his first summer job was as a window cleaner for buildings.

In terms of today's youth, Pettigrew lauds his government's recent budget which he says makes postsecondary education more affordable and increases funding for research and development.

Starting next year, the government will increase student tax credits, and students will get a longer, interest-free grace period after graduation before they have to start paying off their student loans. The Liberals also plan to spend \$800 million improving research facilities at post-secondary institutions and af-

filiated hospitals.

"We will be giving youth 110,000 work experiences," Pettigrew said.

"Our economy is growing and this will translate into more jobs in the future. I'm very confident."

Jennifer Story, a national representative of the Canadian Federation of Students, which represents 375,000 students, says the Liberals are using sexy youth strategies to further their election prospects. She calls the strategy a smokescreen.

"They want to look like they're in tune with young people, but they're not," she said.

"They're now focusing on youth issues to look like they're responding to the problems. It's one of the biggest criticisms lobbed against them," said Story. "They can't deny they've done nothing in four years about student unemployment. They can't deny they have a lousy track record when it comes to youth."

"That's ridiculous," said Ethel Blondin-Andrew, secretary of state for youth.

"Personally, I have been

working on all of these initiatives since 1993. I'm very committed, not just for the election period and not just for political purposes, but because it's the right thing to do. We all have families, we all come from communities and people need work."

But over the course of its mandate, the federal government has cut the Canada Health and Social Transfer Fund to the provinces by \$7 billion over three years. Provinces decide how much of this lump sum will be used to

finance postsecondary education. The cuts have translated into a 30 per cent increase in tuition fees at many Ontario universities in just two years.

And during their first two years in government, the Liberals failed to live up to their Red Book promise to spend \$100 million a year on a Canada Youth Service employment program which would have placed 10,000 youth to work in community projects.

From 1994 to 1996, only 5,200 youth of the promised 20,000 -- less than 30 per cent -- had participated in the program.

"They didn't promise a lot and they couldn't even fulfill that," Story said. "They're courting youth. They're trying to pretend that they're making a difference when it comes to employment, but they're not willing to put their money where their mouths are on the issue."

Bruno Roy, president of the Young Liberals of Canada, acknowledged that youth issues will form part of the Liberal platform in the next federal election, although he is still unsure of the exact details or how the campaign strategy will unfold.

"It's going to be a hot issue during the election and will continue into the next century, into the next millenium. We're certainly looking to the future, with youth becoming more and more of an issue," Roy said.

And given some of the ominous prospects currently facing young people, it's no surprise. The grim statistics, coupled with the extensive media play of youth angst in the workforce and the education system, partially explain why political par-

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Student Parents hit hard by Newfoundland budget

by Denise Rideout
The Muse (CUP)

The Newfoundland government's decision to cut social assistance to student parents will double the amount of debt they have upon graduation say outraged student parents.

In last week's provincial budget Brian Tobin's government cut funding for social services recipients attending postsecondary institutions forcing recipients to take the maximum student loan available. Previously student parents on social services were provided with living arrangements but were required to get student loans to cover their schooling costs.

The old system generally kept total student debt lower for student parents, as it recognized the added strain of raising children while getting an education. But now the government has said student parents must get the maximum student loan and social services will provide funding only if it is needed.

Joyce Aylward, a student at Memorial University and a mother of three, said she was shocked by the announcements made in the recent budget.

"Overnight the government turned around and effectively doubled the future debt load of the majority of student parents on the whole

island," she said.

Aylward said the new ruling was unreasonable and she was disgusted at how the government tried to present it as a positive benefit for student parents.

"The government made it seem like they were helping us out by giving us a bigger student loan," Aylward said. "But what they are really giving us is a bigger student debt."

Under the old system student parents only had to get a student loan of about \$5,000 for a full academic year. Now that will almost double to \$9,000 for two semesters.

Julie Fleet, another single parent attending Memorial, said the government cuts to social services recipients has gone against the many promises it has made to the women of this province.

In September 1995, Brian Tobin and ministers of his cabinet signed a non-legal contract with the women of Newfoundland and Labrador promising to help them overcome many of the struggles they have to face.

"We pledge to work for economic justice and to end the increasing burden of poverty on women and their children, who are a majority of the poor," the contract read.

But Fleet said that the announcements in the recent budget go to show that the government does not always uphold their promises.

"Even though the contract was not legally binding, the govern-

ment of this province still made a promise to us," Fleet said. "But now the government has broken these promises by increasing the debt load of single mothers."

Fleet also said she believes the provincial government has contradicted everything it has ever said about its policies towards social assistance.

"The government talks about getting people off social assistance and back into the workforce, but now it is making it harder for people on assistance to get an education," Fleet said.

Many members of the student parent society said they think the government has in effect hindered the future of many people in the province.

"Right now the government has built such an enormous barrier to getting out of poverty," Aylward said. "And statistics show that the only way out of poverty is through education."

Dale Kirby, provincial chair of the Canadian Federation of Students, said the provincial government should be prepared for a fight from single student parents in the province.

"I don't think the people affected by these cuts are going to sit back on this issue," Kirby said.

"If single parents are faced with a high debt after they graduate, there are going to be a lot of hungry and cold children out there."



SPACE FOR RANT

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently, my 13 year old son and myself were part of the spring Breakaway Tour in Daytona. We began our trip from Sudbury at that time two males, Richard and Clint were taking care of the passengers. There did not appear to be any difference between these tour guides, with the exception that Clint wore a Breakaway Tours jacket Richard on the other hand wore no jacket.

Richard sold tickets to the passengers for transportation to and from Orlando, deep sea fishing, and pub nights as my son and I were there to see the attractions. I purchased transportation and deep sea fishing tickets, \$88.00 US.

When I arrived at Daytona I was informed that Richard was from Inter-Campus and the tickets that I purchased were probably no good. Breakaway Tours contacted Eric, from Inter-Campus and Eric assured me that he would honor all my tickets.

To make a long story short, Inter-Campus **DID NOT** honor any of the tickets Breakaway Tours took my tickets and provided me with transportation at their expense.

I would like to say that I am very upset with Breakaway for not informing their passengers that Inter-Campus representatives were on our bus. However, I would like to say that, Steve Gaudreault, of Breakaway Tours is a fine person for honoring my tickets. This was a one time deal for my 13 year old and had these tickets been garbage this Child's trip could have been a disaster. My hat is off to Steve for his intervention.

Finally, I would recommend that Richard, from Inter-Campus be reprimanded for the sale of tickets that were not honored. This practice of student, ripping off students must end. I would appreciate having this incident investigated.

Lise Laplante

To whom it may concern,

I have recently been on a trip to Daytona Beach organized by Travel Cuts in the New Student Centre at Laurentian University. Prior to the trip, my partner and I were repeatedly warned by the travel agency not to buy any special savings cards or passes from people on the streets for the majority of them are not valid.

On March 15, 1997, on the way to Daytona Beach, a so-called representative was selling Gold cards. At \$20.00 American funds, these cards guaranteed special savings throughout our stay in Daytona Beach. My travel partner and I, not having known that we would get the same privileges with our Breakaway Tours bracelet, each brought a Gold card. Later that day, the "representative" was dropped off in Toronto and we haven't seen him since.

We later found out that the Gold card was meant for inter-campus students only. However, I clearly remember asking the "representative", before buying the card, if it was for all Laurentian University students and he told me that it was. Unfortunately, it was it was only when we arrived in Daytona Beach that we realized that the card was invalid.

Therefore, I feel that this person has been either negligent or fraudulent and must be made aware of his unacceptable behavior

Thank you, Sylvie Legault

Dear Editor,

Days of Action protest. Sounds, well, ominous. Let's see, the first time I heard a demonstration was being held at Laurentian was...Wednesday's Sudbury Star. I'd say that was lots of notice for professors to reschedule exams, thesis presentations and classes. Remember the student protest against tuition increases three years ago? There were banner-sized posters - even in the Science caf!! Professors gave students the day off, labs were rescheduled or were of optional attendance. Student apathy was high, but the Arts students showed up with placards proclaiming their views. This year, there was that private sit-in in the president's office, which as the Sudbury Star and Lambda reported, seemed more than a little politically biased. Come on, a deal was made between the SGA, AEF and Dr. Ross Paul for a single day sit-in. I'm sure every university president would love a day communing with students in his office (what's better for PR?). Is he going to reconsider a 20% tuition increase? More than likely it will be like last year. What was it, 18.5%? Has anyone, besides Commerce students of course, heard of inflation, downsizing or privatization? The regional, provincial and federal governments are unloading all their expenses on the private sector. That means a total overhaul of all systems - hence the Days of Action Protest: A Celebration of Resistance. The Sudbury Star reported, "organizers had called for a peaceful, non-confrontational protest, and they got just that." Obviously, the Star didn't make it down Ramsey Lake Road Friday morning. Peaceful? Sitting on Ramsey at 8:30, we saw two ambulances go to the main entrance. Non-confrontational? How many senior science students with scheduled exams and classes were called scabs or traitors by the protesters? What of the secretary whose car was damaged? We may not like tuition increases. and we may run tens of thousands of dollars into debt, but dammit, we have paid tuition every year, including this one. Guess what? We will pay tuition again in September. It is nor and should not be the aim of a protester to prevent someone from fulfilling their dream. We are the future of this country. We are the doctors, pharmacists, engineers, biotechnicians, ecologists, teachers... We are the ones who can and will solve many of society's ailments. We may not pay off the National Debt or write works of literary genius, but we will make the world a better, more habitable place.

Denise Caughill

To whom it may concern,

For my spring break, starting February fifteenth, I booked a trip to Daytona beach through travel cuts. On the morning of our departure, we left from Huntington university parking lot a nine a.m. when our departure was scheduled for eight-thirty. The reason for the late departure was because on certain students from inter-campus that were not to be on our bus.

Later that day, an individual by the name of Richard, approached my friend and I about purchasing a gold card that would give us 14 hours of free drinking, a carrying case for the card and other privileges. Before purchasing this card we asked if it was for Laurentian students and he clearly said yes. Therefore, my friend and I both purchased this gold card for 20 dollars American. Later during the trip this Richard person was dropped off somewhere close to Toronto and we had not heard of him again.

Once we arrived in Toronto, we then picked up our tour guide from Breakaway Tours that explained to us the benefits we would receive from our black bracelets that we did not know. Our black bracelets were the same as the gold card that was totally not relevant for us. Therefore we lost out on twenty dollars.

We are really concerned about this issue because we weren't the only ones to buy these cards. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thank You, Michelle Jobin

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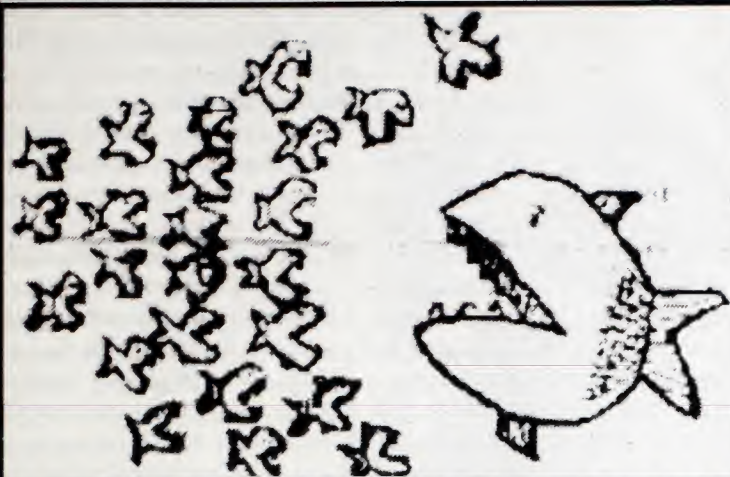
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Tales from the Left



by Ray Marks
columnist

The federal election is about to be called soon. The Liberals are simply stalling for a bit more time to get a few pieces of legislation through and to do some pre-election campaigning. This seems to be main topic of discussion in all political centers. But how important is a federal election anyway?

A federal election is not as important as people like to think it is. There are major things happening on the provincial scene and they are overshadowed by the news of a pending election call. Mike Harris and his goons in Queen Park are having a field day with less talk about the things they are doing and more talk about Chretien's Liberals and their record.

It's difficult to predict what is going to happen this election and anybody who says they can is a liar. The only certain thing about this election is that unfortunately the Liberals are going to win. The question is by how much and who will become the opposition? The fight for the opposition seems to be the most interesting because of the presence of the two regional parties (Bloc Quebecois and Reform) and the new strength of the federal Tories and the NDP.

Certain parties seem to be getting more attention than others and the Tories are the prime example. Because of Harris and Klein, Jean Charest finds himself in the spotlight as the right-wing vote wants to replace Reform with a national voice. Mulroney did not do the party much good but Canadians seem to be ready to give them another chance but don't want to go further than official opposition.

The sad truth is that the Bloc is the deciding vote. With 52 MP's in the House at the moment and a new leader, they might have the momentum to win a good number of seats in Quebec. The Bloc has no other platform than separation therefore they always have a base of voters to rely on to win some seats. This isn't true for Reform because they would rather be seen as the "different" party from the right and not the West.

The NDP has the biggest fight ahead but a huge field of ideology to do it in. They have the opportunity to take the ball and run with it and Canadians just might realize that there is a place for the left in the House. Alexa McDonough is not very well known to the average Canadian but once the party has its convention later this month and the platform is formulated, the NDP has a shot at making a big impact during the election campaign itself.

So, will it be a victory for the right or the left? Since the Liberals are going to win, it will be a victory for the right but the question remains of where the left will end up and if Canadians will look to Saskatchewan for a perfect example of an NDP government that has proven can balance the budget, lower taxes and keep unemployment levels low.

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Next week is Lambda's last issue of the 1996-97 year and will be my last column for this newspaper. If you ever wondered who's Ray Marks, keep your eyes peeled when I reveal who I am and look back at the last two years of Tales from the Left.

Lambda's 1997-1998 Elections

Elections for Assistant Editor, News Editor, Entertainment Editor, Photo Editor, Sports Editor, Features Editor, Rédacteur (trice) Français (e), Circulation Director, Two (2) Production Directors, and Office Manager, will be held on April 4, 1997 with nominations opening March 21, 1997 and nominations closing March 27, 1997. In order to run for one of these positions, you must be a Lambda staff member by March 15, 1997.

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The News Editor is in charge of assigning, collecting and editing articles for the news department on a weekly basis. They are expected to assist in production by laying the pages out and being available to the production directors when necessary as well as contributing to the writing of articles should the need arise. An honorarium will be paid.

The Entertainment Editor is in charge of assigning, collecting and editing articles for the entertainment department on a weekly basis. They are expected to assist in production by laying the pages out and being available to the production directors when necessary as well as contributing to the writing of articles should the need arise. An honorarium will be paid.

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The Circulation Director is in charge of the distribution of the paper on campus as well as in the city of Sudbury on a weekly basis. This person is expected to develop new circulation points within the city, Access to a vehicle is a necessity. Mileage, as well as an honorarium will be paid.

The Two (2) Production Directors must be available on Mondays and Tuesdays as well as other times during the week. They are responsible for laying out pages in PageMaker and on the flats. Creative abilities are essential in making the newspaper a unique experience for the readers. An honorarium will be paid.

The Office manager is responsible for mailing the papers to other universities as well as local businesses. This person must occupy the position of Secretary of the Lambda Staff meetings and will be responsible for maintaining all archives of Lambda including past issues, minutes, and financial statements of Lambda Publications.

Federal Liberals target youth for election

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ties are openly flirting with youth as a campaign tool.

But Pettigrew staunchly disagrees with critics who claim his recent slew of youth-positive announcements were made with an eye to the next election. He says the youth initiatives will "absolutely" extend beyond the next federal election.

"We're acting now because this is the time to act," he said. "Our strategy is beyond the election so it is not at all related to the electoral calendar. Are we going to stop governing because we are going to have an election?"

Elly Alboim, a partner in Earncliffe Strategy Group which provides consulting services to political parties, explained that there are two levels of reasoning behind

this strategy. First, attract significant numbers of young people under the belief that political partisanship forms early in life, and then attract their parents.

"The biggest generation of Canadians, which are the baby boomers, all have children who are in their late teens of early twenties, who are all confronted with this problem of youth employment," Alboim said. "It's rapidly becoming one of the most important issues and one that creates a high level of anxiety."

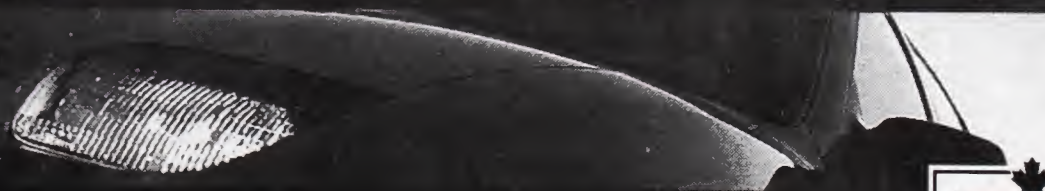
Jeff Polowin, an official with the public relations firm Hill and Knowlton, said he hasn't seen any increase in the prominence of youth issues, but that traditionally youth issues have held large political appeal and have consistently been used in election campaigns by most political parties.

"Everybody was young once. It's something that people can easily identify with. It's not something that's airy fairy or something that's a haze off in the distance. It makes it fairly easy to target a campaign based on youth," Polowin said.

Waldman added that a consciousness of youth has developed over the past decade in political circles which has led to governments attempting to court youth through consultations that have largely been unsuccessful and tokenistic.

"This is a generation that is very humanitarian and very much committed to bettering society and I think it's a tragedy if that gets wasted because I think people feel as if nobody takes them seriously or nobody's listening to them," Waldman said.

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WHO IS A REFUGEE AND WHY?

by Phillip Hadley
Staff Writer

A refugee is a person who "...owing to well founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality and is unable, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself of the protection of that country..." This is as stated in the 1951 United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees. As a signatory, Canada uses this definition in its determination of who meets refugee status. "Displaced Persons," are not

defined under the United Nations Convention, yet they account for more than double the amount of UN Convention refugees. Displaced Persons (DP's) are people in "refugee-like situations" but are unable to leave the country for reasons beyond their control.

The United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees in 1951 appointed a United Nations Commissioner for Refugees. The latest numbers show that some 27 million people are of concern to the UNHCR. The Current High Commissioner responsible for this unprecedented magnitude of refugees is Mrs. Sadako Ogata.

The Canadian Immigration Act, 1976 and amendments introduced in December 1992 through Bill

C-86, also provide for the admission of other groups on humanitarian grounds. "Designated classes" is a term used to describe several "refugee like" situations including; mass outflows (such as Rwanda), disproportionate punishment for violation of strict exit controls (self-exiles) and, for specific countries, the internally displaced (political prisoners and oppressed people).

Knowing why a person becomes a refugee is as important as knowing who is a refugee. No one sets themselves a goal of becoming a refugee, no one uses refugee status as a "backdoor" to gain entry to Canada, becoming a refugee is a nightmare, one in which the only way you wake-up is when you are in a safe country like Canada. Africa, South Asia and

the Middle East have the most unstable governments in the world. It is no coincidence that the vast majority of refugees hail from these regions. When a government is upset by a political or military coup, chaos, fear and destruction reign terror over all citizens of that country. One only has to turn on the nightly television news to see the political turmoil in Rwanda, Burma, East Timor, China, Nicaragua, or the Great Lakes region of Africa. The country is in turmoil due to no fault of your own and now you and your families lives are in danger because of your political affiliation, or the ethnicity of you province, or your religion or for any of another dozen petty reasons. If you stay in your country then you face imprisonment, torture, rape or death. Realize

as well that you are probably a child, 50% of refugees are children. What were you doing when you were six, eight, or twelve years old? Chances are you weren't fleeing the authorities for fear of death, either with your family or on your own.

This painting of a refugee will not be as grand and coloured as some you have seen in the past. Indeed, how many of you can say that you have never met a refugee or read anything else on the plight of refugees? I will not paint with such vibrant colours for two reasons; the plight of refugees in leaving their country and entering Canada is black and gray - not at all colourful, secondly, if you choose to turn a blind eye, then you will see no colour - no matter how dramatic.

Canada's Abysmal Refugee Record

by Phillip Hadley
Staff Writer

Canadians love to pat themselves on the back. I am Canadian, the government is Canadian and you are probably Canadian. We are a multi-cultural society, a mosaic of different cultures a quilt of different languages, we have two official languages! This is a place for all peoples of the world to live in peace, to express themselves through their own music, dress and words, to add their culture to ours and hence create an even greater mosaic. The more the merrier from no matter what part of this small planet they come from. We welcome all! Bienvenue Canada! What has been stated thus far is not far from the truth, but it is not far from lies either, particularly when it comes to refugees, those who arguably deserve to be welcomed most of all. Our refugee record is abysmal. For a country so proud of our multifarious cultures, officially anyway, you wouldn't know it from our refugee record of past or present. Lets start at the not so distant past, 1947.

January 1, 1947 marks the day when the Canadian Citizenship Act came into place. Up until this point in time, people in Canada were known as British subjects living in a British colony. At this time there were no refugees, they were called displaced persons (DP's). As a result of World War II there were millions of displaced persons throughout much of Western and Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia. Our government decided at this time to pick and choose which DP's we wanted. Which did we want?, 'hard working Nordic types' was the official stance. In fact, we (Canadian government and people) did not even want these types. The DP's allowed into our country at the end of W.W.II came as a result of economic necessity. It was the corporations and manufacturing industries who needed workers that lobbied our government to allow these hard working Nordic types into our country.

The next great influx of people

came in 1956 when Canada allowed 38 000 Hungarians to live in Canada as a result of Soviet tanks parading down main street Prague. When next the Soviets went to town with their tanks, this time in Czechoslovakia we showed a glimmer of humanity; it was the Canadian public who petitioned our government to allow an influx of Czechs. The government reasoning on both issues was that these were exceptions to the rule, and would not happen again.

In 1962, Canada officially ended its "all-white" immigration policy, thereby opening the door to more people from the third world. This is another black mark on Canadian history. The fact that we legislated such a policy from our records is shameful, it never should have been enacted in the first place.

The years 1972 - 1973 saw the influx of 6 175 Asian-Ugandans. In August 1972 dictator Idi Amin of Uganda expelled 80 000 Ugandan-Asians. Our benevolent leader at the time, Prime Minister Trudeau, said that if you did not have anywhere else to go, you could come to Canada. Those 6 175 Ugandans were those who could prove to be an economic benefit to Canada as well, we didn't allow just any of the 80 000 homeless Ugandans to enter. The early 70s also witnessed an influx of 2 000 Chileans. We admitted only 2 000 not because there weren't more, but because we were afraid of their political ideas - most were socialist. That's a political word we never hear in Canada, unless you are talking about the NDP or Liberals. Of these 2 000 Chileans, the majority were white-collar professionals. Again the question is posed, how much of a genuine humanitarian concern do we have?

Changes to the Immigration Act were made in 1976. Previous criteria emphasis for admittance into Canada was centered on country of origin. Under the changes made, the shift moved to educational background and professional skills. Though this was a move from ethnic or culture bias to one of an individual assessment, the needs of the individual were still being overlooked, many people in need of rescue from a dangerous situation do not possess a high level of education. Should these



people be discriminated against?

Perhaps Canada's greatest grass roots humanitarian campaign occurred from 1979 to the early 80s when over 7 000 community groups and individuals in Canada sponsored some 60 000 Viet Nameese and others from South East Asian countries. This was the largest acceptance of refugees from South East Asian countries per capita in the world. Most significantly, this was a grass roots campaign, initiated by Canadians, not the Canadian government. Had the Canadian government been left to their own whims, not nearly as many refugees would have been admitted.

Canada was awarded the Nansen Medal by the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees for "outstanding commitment to refugees." Canada has been the only country awarded this honour. Though Canadians should be proud of this merit, we should continually strive for improvement on our record. This medal is a relative award, compared to other countries we look good. However, I say we should use the highest morals and ethical standards by which to judge our refugee record performance, not the lesser standards of others.

For what reasons do we refuse to allow refugees safety in our country? Here I am talking about the primary reasons why, not the literal reasons such as expenses and time. If we had more of a desire to help those

not as fortunate as us then excuses such as money and budgets would become immaterial. Simply by issuing only one claim per family instead of issuing claim forms for each individual in the family, we could save a lot of time and expense. The savings could then be used to hire more immigration lawyers to process these claims. However, these are not the true reasons why our refugee claims are so slow to be processed and why so few are admitted in the end.

The myths surrounding immigrants serve as the largest blockade against new refugees entering Canada. These myths include refugees taking our jobs, that they will bring their political and religious wars to Canada and that they will leach millions of taxpayers' money from the system. Myths such as these are brewed in ignorance, stereotypes and racism, each helping to breed one another.

Our Canadian government, your government, has not procured a good record of humanitarianism. However, what is to be read between the lines is that the government reflects the wishes of the majority of Canadians. In each of these cases I would be willing to bet that more Canadians were sympathetic of the government stance concerning immigrants and refugees - allowing fewer people access to Canada, than those who petitioned to allow greater numbers into our country. Indeed,

the present Liberal government claims that a "social backlash" prevents them from increasing immigration from the current 220 000 to the Red Book promise of 300 000 (1% of our national population). The number of refugees account for a meager 26 100 people.

You may say that these blemishes on Canada's refugee record were not caused by me, I had nothing to do with them so how can I change the mistakes of the past. You cannot change the mistakes of the past but you can learn from them and prevent more black spots from appearing. Right now the Honourable Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, is introducing legislation to remove the automatic right of citizenship to babies born to non-citizens on Canadian territory. This would mean that Canada would not recognize babies born on Canadian soil as Canadians, creating stateless babies. So just how many babies would be affected? No one knows. The Department of Citizenship and Immigration has no statistics on how many babies are born to non-residents. So why is there such a law in consideration, see the myths above perhaps. If you are a concerned citizen, concerned for people other than yourself, concerned not to let another blemish on our refugee record, then make your voice heard.

We cannot continue to pat ourselves on the back for a cultural mosaic such as we have when proposed laws such as the refusal of citizenship to babies born on Canadian soil are considered for enactment as law. True, we cannot do a whole lot for our previous refugee record, but we can be a bit more honest and humble about it and we can stop this bill from being enacted. If you are concerned for people for safety and well-being of people other than yourself, concerned not to allow another blemish on our record, then make your voice heard. This is as simple as sending out a letter, e-mail either myself or the Canadian Council for Refugees. Through either myself or the Council for Refugees, a petition may be signed protesting the bill of Lucienne Robillard, how much effort does it take?

To be a Child Refugee..

by Christiane Berthiaume
Contributor

Nicole is seven years old. She is alone, terribly alone, in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the Burange refugee camp in Rwanda. Some refugees are busy pitching their tents, other come and go fetching water or food. But Nicole stands motionless, speechless. She doesn't even cry. Nicole is blind. She was struck in the head with a machete and lost her eyesight. The last thing she saw was her father and mother bring butchered by madmen in Burundi. Kind neighbors took Nicole along with them as they fled and helped her to cross the river between Burundi and Rwanda. But in the darkness of night, she lost them too. Nicole's case is not unique.

Half of the more than 20 million refugees and displaced people in the world today are children. Nobody knows exactly how many are without their parents or a close relative, because most of them are spontaneously taken in by generous families in the camps. Thousands of children have been separated from their families by war. It is estimated that unaccompanied children account for 2-5% of the refugee population in



camps.

"For a child, it is a terrifying experience in itself to have to flee to an unknown land, having been abruptly wrenched away; under

bombing or gunfire, from home, school, friends, everything that was comforting, that gave meaning to life, the confidence in the future," said Anne Skatvedt, United Nations High

Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) senior coordinator for refugee children. "If the child also loses his or her parents - the only remaining reassuring link - and is left alone, it is absolutely atrocious."

These children have not only experienced events that will scar them for life - many have witnessed savage murders and other atrocities - but they also must overcome the trauma of separation.

"These children are the most vulnerable of all. They are totally destitute. They require, more than anyone else, protection and physical and also psychological help," said Nemio Temporal of UNHCR social services.

At the Burange camp in Rwanda, there are hundreds of children like Nicole, the little blind girl. Children who roam aimlessly in the camp, or hide in the corner of a tent waiting for someone to help, to bring them food or care. The nurse stops from time to time to visit Nicole. But what more can be done? There are so many people and so few doctors and nurses to care for them.

Most often, children are separated from their families during flight. Battles are not announced in advance. They break out anywhere at any time, taking everyone by sur-

prise. "The first riots broke out in Burundi last October in broad daylight," recalled Filippo Grandi, who led one of the UNHCR emergency relief teams sent to the area at the beginning of the biggest outflow of refugees since the Kurdish exodus in the wake of the Gulf War. "The children who were at school at the time fled in one direction, the mothers left home in another, and the fathers from work in a third. Entire villages in Burundi were thus deserted by their inhabitants in a matter of hours, with people escaping in every direction; towards Rwanda, Tanzania and Zaire." The result; more than 20% of the 60 000 Burundi refugees in Tanzania are unaccompanied children.

Children are sometimes separated from their families because they are kidnapped by soldiers. In Kenya, Kakuma camp provides shelter for some 11 000 Sudanese boys, some as young as four. Many were abducted from their families at a very early age by Sudanese rebel forces looking for replacements and for cannon fodder to send through mine fields. The boys are among the worst cases ever seen by UNHCR. Many of them suffer from deep depression, refusing to play, to go to school or even to get out of bed in the morning. They spend their days doing nothing. A UNHCR specialist working with the boys says the terror they have experienced is deeply engraved in their subconscious and has resurfaced now that they are safe. Over a period of five years, the boys marched thousands of kilometres across Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya. They have witnessed the worst atrocities, and have seen their friends die of starvation. Some drowned during their long exodus, and some were eaten by lions.

However great the psychological and physical support may be, whatever the number of schools, sports centres and other facilities provided for unaccompanied children to reduce their distress, nothing can replace what they really need - a goodnight kiss from those who love them most. "I will never forget a little eight year old boy who clung to his father's trouser leg in a Zagreb gymnasium where thousands of refugees were staying," Skatvedt said. "He wouldn't let go of his father for anything in the world. His mother and sister had been killed. To tear this child away from his father would have destroyed him for life."

Canadian Council for Refugees - Current Concerns

Although Canada has much to be proud of in its treatment of refugees, there are many areas where Canada falls short. Among the concerns:

LACK OF APPEAL ON THE MERITS - A refugee claimant determined not to be a refugee has no avenue to appeal the decision on its merits, even if new information is available supporting the claim. The only form of review is by application to the Federal Court, which often refuses requests for review. The Federal Court can only overturn the decision if there are serious legal errors.

INADEQUATE LEGAL AID - Legal aid coverage for refugee claims varies from province to province, but in many parts of the country it is either minimal or non-existent. This means that many refugee claimants must present their case for refugee status with poor legal representation or none at all.

HEAD TAX - Since February 1995, a "right of landing fee" of \$975 is imposed on every adult refugee applying for permanent residence in Canada. No other country charges refugee such a fee. Having already lost so much in fleeing persecution, refugees must begin their new life in Canada with a significant debt burden (if they can even get a loan).

LANDING FEES - Refugees recognized in Canada also have to pay \$500 per adult and \$100 per child as processing fees for landing. Many refugees cannot pay these sums and are therefore unable to be reunited with their families and unable to begin the process of settling. There is no loan programme available.

IDENTITY DOCUMENTS - For the last three years the law has required refugees recognized in Canada to produce "satisfactory" identity documents before they can become permanent residents and be

reunited with spouses and children overseas. Many refugees are in a legal limbo because they cannot get documents, such as when there is no government to issue documents (as is the case in Somalia). Women are disproportionately affected because in many societies women have limited access to identity documents. Recently implemented regulations offer Somalis and Afghanis an opportunity to apply for permanent residence - but only after five years from the date when they were found to be refugees.

FAMILY REUNIFICATION - Refugees in Canada face long delays and procedural difficulties in reuniting with their spouse and children. These delays leave family members abroad in situations of risk and put enormous stress on all concerned, sometimes leading to family breakdown.

The United Nations Commissioner for Refugees Hot Spots:

Zaire
Burundi
Angola
Somalia
Ethiopia
Mozambique
Mali
Nigeria
Liberia

Rwanda
Tanzania
Ghana
Benin
Haiti
Afghanistan
China
Bangladesh
Russia

Guatemala
Tajikistan
Chechnya
Bosnia
Herzegovina
Iraq
Sri Lanka
Islamic Republic of Iran
Viet Nam

Most refugee claims are bogus.

Between 1989 and 1993, 95% of all refugee claimants were found to have a credible basis. Almost all refugee claimants come from countries with abysmal human rights records such as Iran, Haiti, Zaire, Somalia, Peru and Sri Lanka. Furthermore, Canada makes it difficult for these persecuted people to attain assistance, in all of Africa there are only four Canadian immigration offices. Therefore, these people must either make it to our borders or be sponsored by family or community - church groups in Canada.

WHY SHOULD WE CARE?



by Phillip Hadley
Staff Writer

Canada has both humanitarian reasons and legal grounds that compel us to help the plight of those people who face persecution due to their political affiliation, race, colour, creed, gender, group affiliation or nationality.

Far too often do we forget that we all hail from other lands, escaping at one time or another either political or economic hardship to make a new, safe start in this country we named Canada. Only the North American Indians can truly call this place home, and there are many arrogant ignoramus' who would argue this point as well.

We live in a rich country, a country rich in natural resources, rich in diversity, rich in tolerance and democracy. Canada has been selected as the best country to live in the world for the years 1992, 1994, 1995 and 1996, an unprecedented achievement. However, this achievement came as a result of the labour of refugees and immigrants from all over the world. If it wasn't for these people, our country would not be so great, but here we are arguing over the merits of letting refugees into our country. For goodness sake Canadians, these people are dying and we either turn a blind eye or let a token amount of refugees through our doors and into our 'great' country. This is a country which has forgotten that many of our own kin were in similar situations to those on the television in refugee camps.

The Royal Lifesaving Society of Canada has a motto which I learned many years ago when I was learning to be a lifeguard, "Whomsoever you see in distress, recognize in him a fellow man." This is a motto which many would do well to abide. If it was a family member you saw on television trying to escape rape or certain death, you would do all you could to help. Recognize in the stranger on television a family member and play some part in his or her release from economic and political imprisonment. That may be as simple as sending a letter to your Member of Parliament calling for greater aid to the afflicted country or volunteering for a local charity group that helps refugees attain a better life in Canada.

Though I would hope that Canada will never be called to help those unfortunate based solely on legal grounds, there are legal responsibilities in place. Canada is a signee of the 1951 United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights which Canada agreed that "everyone has the right to seek and to enjoy in other countries asylum from persecution." One of the reasons why Canadians are allowed freedom of access and movement in many countries which other passport holders are not, is because of the standard we set in our relatively enlightened refugee policies. We have set a standard for many other countries, but it is a standard and an example which must be continually maintained and improved.

Canada accepts to many refugees.

While some sources suggest that Canada accepts more refugees per capita than almost any other Western nation, such reports fail to provide the whole story. Studies have shown that 80 per cent of those rejected as Convention refugees in Europe are permitted to stay under some other status. In 1993, Canada accepted 35 680 refugees. Many other countries such as Jordan and Sudan, provided shelter to over 500 000 refugees. We pale in comparison.

Refugee-Situation Prevention

by Phillip Hadley
Staff Writer

Whilst scouring regional, national and international sources to find material for this feature, one aspect of the refugee situation gradually came to light - refugee prevention. Strange that it should have ever come to my attention at all, for in all the thousands of pages and references I scanned, only once did I come across anything having to do with prevention. When I finally did find some information on refugee-situation prevention, it was located on the United Nations High Commission for Refugees home page on the web. However, when I tried to access the particular page that dealt with "Workable Solutions" I was unable to gain entry for one reason or another.

Perhaps because of my nascent knowledge of the plight of refugees, only I would find this a bit bizarre. Undoubtedly, if I had conducted my search over a longer period of time, I would have come across more sources on how to deter or at lessen the opportunity for a refugee situation to occur. Even so, given the vast amount of information I did peruse, and the people I talked with, I am still surprised that so little information or discussion exists. Does not a doctor look to see what is causing the pain before he prescribes a treatment? Is it not routine for doctors to watch for symptoms of illness before they happen so as to hamper or at best, prevent the sickness from occurring at all? Why does not the same logic apply to political and military situations around the world? When governments see indications of trouble, strong indicators, why is action not taken to prevent or at least hamper a disaster from occurring?

I am fully aware that many of the current crisis in the world started many years ago. For instance, the

Tutsi and Hutu rebels in Rwanda have been slaughtering one another for years, since at least the early 70's and I would not be surprised to learn earlier dates. However, the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina is one in which many analysts would say could have been prevented if Western intervention had occurred earlier. Even if the reasons why people are killing each other and causing the citizens of that country to flee are decades old, there is still hope. Though peace negotiations in both Ireland and Israel are at a virtual stand still, these are two of the oldest historical conflicts in the world, and yet intervention has given a hope for peace and progress.

Intervention need not be in the form of the United States or the United Kingdom or Canada forcing both sides to come together in a locked room and not emerging until they are friends, no, not at all.

I would hope that intervention between warring factions would come from within the country, from the people or from representatives of these people, these refugees. No matter how bloody and savage the war, whether it be between two countries or many rival factions engaged in a civil war, there are always those who want peace, there are always those who will compromise and sacrifice to make peace, to end the suffering. However, if these people are not given the chance to voice their words of reason and peace, then how will the strife and the suffering of the people, of the refugees, come to an end?

Outside government intervention may be the only situation in this case. This outside intervention need not be France, the US or UK, indeed, I would hope that intervention would come from one's own continent at least. If the problem is in South America, then encourage a South American government to take

the lead, or in Africa then an African government. In saying this I am also well aware that many nations outside of the Western world have enough trouble running their own plot of land, much less becoming involved in others'. Nelson Mandela can hardly be expected to divert his attention north when he has so much trouble in his own backyard. I do believe though that the healing of one country will help the other, and this should not be overlooked.

The fact that there is so little information out there on solutions to prevent refugee-situations from occurring in the first place, I make the obvious assumption that there is little government support out there for these ideas. Moreover, this being the case, we must strengthen our commitment to help those in need. Through circumstances beyond their control these people are thrust from their country, or in the case of the internally displaced, are still in their country suffering. While we search for solutions, governments who are able, such as Canada, must do all they can to end or at least lessen the suffering of as many people as possible.

Whether the United Nations is granted the economic, political and military clout to act as the world's security chief, or the United States expands on its role as policeman of the world, or each region devises its own system for dealing with political and civil unrest, greater steps must be taken towards these ends. When one out of every 220 people on this Earth is a refugee, a person who fears for their life, a person who is too scarred to think of the past and too burdened to think of the future beyond today, thought must be provoked and action taken to secure a solution. Simply trying to stop the bleeding is not enough, we must heal the wound and the person.

More Difficulties for Women

by Phillip Hadley
Staff Writer

Women and children account for approximately 80% of the world's refugee population. Most would assume, therefore, that women and children account for @80% of the refugees admitted into Canada, or at least a majority. This is not the case.

According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada records, men accounted for 48% of UN convention refugees and 47% of designated group refugees admitted to Canada between 1981 and 1991. During this same period, women accounted for 27% and 30%, respectively. Children made up the minority of refugees allowed in Canada, only 24% of both UN convention and designated group refugees.

The first word which pops to mind about these facts is: discrimination. Thankfully, the reasons for these statistics are more facts of life than bureaucratic or systemic discrimination. In Africa, for example, there are only four places where people can apply for refugee status in Canada. When a choice is made to send someone to these offices, the man is the cultural and perhaps logical choice. However, when the man leaves - if there even was a man in the family - the woman and child are faced with

frightening security problems. Sexual violence and rape occur far too often even when there is no political and military mayhem, let alone when chaos reigns. The chance of a man making it out of the country alive and seeking rescue are greater than that of a woman and child. This is reflected in the statistics from the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) which show 66% of the claims in 1991 and 1992 were from single men.

Canada uses the UN Convention definition of refugees to determine exactly who is defined as a refugee. Part of the definition includes having your life in danger, or place of home, or membership in a particular political or cultural organization. In many societies, particularly those where the mass of refugees are situated, women participation in such activities is rare. Though the women are not members of these groups, a male family member may. Due to this membership by a single family member, any of the family, especially women, may still face persecution, including rape and torture. Under UN Convention definition, the males would be considered refugees, but not the other "non-members" of the family.

Men are more likely than women to meet standards set by

Canada to determine their possibility for successful resettlement. Those people who do not meet such criteria will not be admitted in Canada as a refugee. Women are less likely to meet these standards due to educational and social situations in their home countries. In most third world countries, women are denied or unable to access education or employment such as English or French, skills which are vital to obtain permission for resettlement in Canada.

The majority of refugee women and children go through horrors of sexual assault, rape, mutilation and harassment that largely go unnoticed. Thankfully, change has been occurring. Canada and the United States, in conjunction with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), have developed policy to stop the discrimination of women and children. The UNHCR encourages countries to consider that when rape or other such sexual transgressions take place, these women should be allowed refugee status. Women who face mutilation and torture are also eligible for refugee status. However, unless the women can notify the proper authorities, no action can take place. For this reason I suggest that the Canadian government make accessibility easier for women, children and all refugees to seek help.



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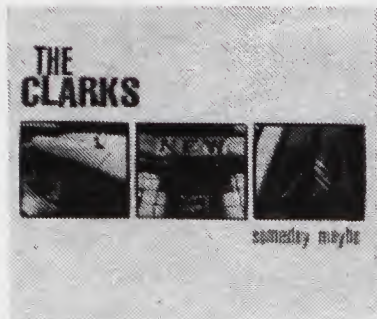
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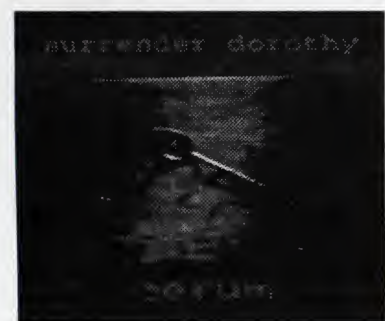
The Clarks - Someday Maybe

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

Maybe you have heard of them and maybe you haven't, but **The Clarks** new album has arrived. Hailing from Pittsburgh, **The Clarks** mix many sounds with a strong base in 70's guitar rock.

This album was originally released on the bands own label, but since signing with Universal music, they have re-sequenced, re-mixed, and added to the original to make it a better album for their fans.

The album's sound is very defined, bordering on the new country sound in many songs. This is a good album to just sit back and have a few beers while listening to it. **The Clarks** would make for a great bar band, and with songs on the soundtracks for *Boys* and *Class Reunion*, I don't think they will disappear for a long time.



Surrender Dorothy - Serum

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

This is the debut album for Toronto's **Surrender Dorothy**, and the easiest way to explain their sound would be "Soundgarden sung by a chick". Sure that may sound sexist, but it's true and it's not a bad thing either. **Surrender Dorothy** is an amazingly great alterna-metal band.

The songs are more hard than anything, but there are a few swampy, dramatic tracks where the lead singer (rehgina) shows off an emotion that is rare in the music being pumped out today.

Search this band out! Find the CD and find them in concert! **Surrender Dorothy** is a great example of the talent Canada has produced. Do not miss this band!



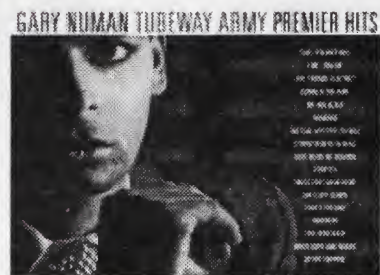
Oliver Schroer and the Stewed Tomatoes

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

This is a warning to all of you out there. Dodge this album at all costs. I don't know what the record company executives were smoking the day that this album was brought

to them, but it must have been bad!

This album reads like a recipe book and features a freak of nature named **Oliver Schroer** playing violin/fiddle music that would make the deaf want ear plugs. It is nothing like **Ashley MacIsaac** and should be avoided at all costs! I am not joking, if you see this album anywhere near you, just run. Don't look back, just run for your life!



Gary Newman - Tubeway Army Premier Hits

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

The name **Gary Newman** may sound familiar to those of you who are (or were) fans of the late 1970's post punk, glam rock like **David Bowie** (circa *Ziggy Stardust*). **Newman** started in the band **Tubeway Army** then broke off on his own and was a revolutionary in the early synthesized rock days.

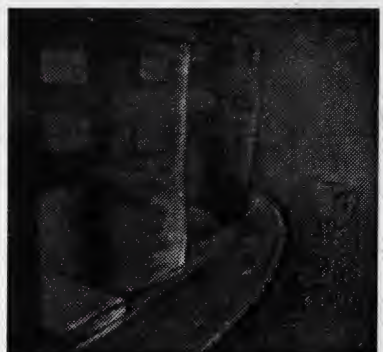
This album is a compilation of some of **Newman's** bigger hits including *Cars*, *Are Friends Electric*, and *We Are Glass*. Over the past few years a growing interest has grown toward's **Newman's** early work due to covers and live performances of his songs by groups like **Marylin Manson**, **The Smashing**



Pumpkins, **Beck**, **Foo Fighters** and many others.

The CD booklet tells the story of **Newman** from his early days of writing short stories as a child up to his extreme lifestyle of guns, airplane crashes and Ferrari's. **Newman** was and still is a big star in the UK and with the music tide turning back to the glam rock days, he is finally getting the credit he so richly deserves.

Gary Newman's Tubeway Army Premiere Hits is a surprisingly good set of some of the ground breaking music from the late 70's early 80's when stars were androgenous and synthesizers ruled. Anyone interested in the history of machine music should definitely pick this album up.



The album is titled quite suitable from "to many days without thinking of anything else but this fucking record", but it was worth all the work. The guitar work on the album is reminiscent of the slower more soothing sounds **Nirvana** put out sometimes. As long as the swearing doesn't bother you too much, **Swell** is definitely worth a listen. They have already started touring and will be doing a string of Canadian dates in the late spring which would be worth looking into.



The Age Of Electric - Make A Pest A Pet

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

Listening to **The Age Of Electric**, there is a very distinctive sound that almost sounds familiar. Well, it is. **AOE** is made up of two sets of brothers, **The Kerns** and the now famous **Dahles** who's side projects included forming **The Bloody Chicklets**, and creating and performing as **Limblifter**.

For fans of **Limblifter**, this is a good album to pick up. **AOE** is the brother's main band, formed in Canada's prairies in 1989. The sound does not vary much from the **Limblifter** sound of pure alterna-rock that the little kiddies just love.

I have o idea wether or not they are going to choose between **Limblifter** and **AOE**, but either way, these are very talented guys. The tracks include *Scare Myself*, *Mad At The World*, *Exist to Resist*, and a bunch of other typical teenage rebellion titled songs. So if you are into **Limblifter**, pick up the **Age of Electric**, it's almost like listening to the same band.

Swell - To Many Days Without Thinking

by Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

First thing first. I have never heard the word fuck used so many times in one album since **2 Live Crew** released *Nasty as They Wanna Be*. One of the tracks is even titled *Fuck Even Flow*.

The name **Swell** suits the band and album perfectly. The tracks start off with a slower, mellower, almost trippie alternative style. Then as the album progresses, the music starts to swell like a title wave until you are rocked right out of your socks. **Swell** is a native California band whose independent albums did well in the past, but after over two years of work, they have released their first "label" album.

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WHAT'S ON AROUND TOWN

Thursday, April 3rd and Friday, April 4th

Go out and see the pride of Laurentian in the play **Our Salvation Cometh**. This four person ensemble performance is guaranteed to knock your socks off and it is absolutely free! You won't be disappointed.

No doubt everyone is feeling a little stressed out because of the exams, essays and assignments that are all coming up in the next few weeks. However, don't let stress ruin your social life! Keep your eyes peeled for the newest movies on the Cinescreen.

Thursday, April 3rd to Sunday, April 6th

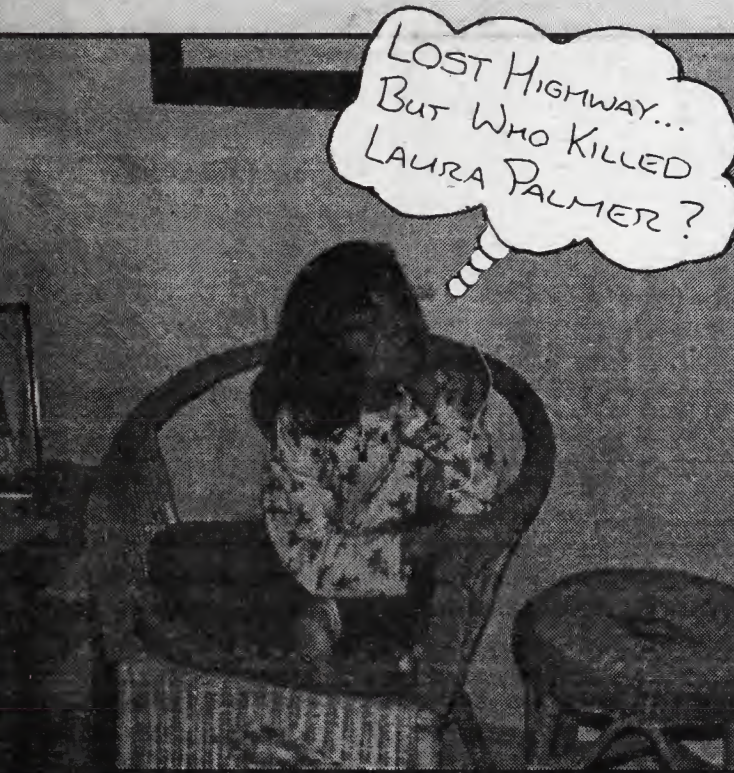
Lost Highway, a mesmerizing mediation on the mysterious nature of identity. The freaky **David Lynch** has made a new film and this is it. It will take you on a freaky journey through the unknown and the unknowable.

Monday, April 7th to Tuesday, April 8th

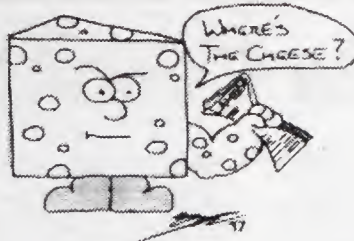
Chris Penn and several Canadian newcomers star in this edgy tale of three teenage boys who encounter an enigmatic stranger in need of their help to survive. If you want to see the new up and coming talent on the Canadian music scene, don't miss **The Boys Club**.

Wednesday, April 9th to Thursday, April 10th

The Oscar nominated **Portrait of A Lady** is a seductive masterful adaptation of the Henry James novel starring **Nicole Kidman** as a young American woman who challenges the confines of her sheltered destiny.



**LAST CHANCE TO
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ION! NEXT WEEK
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ISSUE OF THE
SCHOOL YEAR...**



By Mat Thompson
Staff Writer

It's coming! The boredom that comes with studying for exams. Everyone needs a break, but what to do? Not much money left so drinking is getting harder to do, so the best way to kill a few hours is with a movie. Here are a few of the newer releases which can kill some time during study breaks:

That Thing You Do! Starring Liv Tyler, Tom Hanks and Ethen Embry. Tom Hanks first directing job is a great movie about The Wonders, a fictional 1960's band that flies to the top of the charts faster than you can say one-hit wonder. Its a great movie to just sit back and relax to and just forget about the world around you.

Fled Starring Lawrence Fishburne, Stephen Baldwin, and Salma Hayek. Baldwin and Fishburne star as escaped convicts chained together on a quest to retrieve a much sought after computer disk and five million dollars. This is a great action flick. Guns, blood, action, Salma Hayek (Desperado), and even an interesting storyline with many plot twists.

Trainspotting Starring Ewen

Attack of the Exams



ner guest, to poison guests who do not agree with their left-wing views. The movie is a strange look at political correctness and how people actually cope with death and murder. It's also kind of funny that one of the killers is a social worker!

Ultimate

McGregor. Heroin addicts trying to kick the habit and live with their addiction. Its a serious topic, but it makes for some hilarious situations. This is not a movie for everyone, but those of you with a twisted outlook on life and drugs will love it.

Primal Fear Starring Richard Gere. This is a great movie for law students. Gere plays a high profile attorney trying to defend a teen who has been accused of killing a priest. This is one movie that the outcome will shock the hell out of you. This movie has twists and turns at every corner and may even make you think twice about becoming a lawyer.

The Last Supper Starring Cameron Diaz, Bill Paxton, Ron Eldard. This movie is a sophisticated, intellectual thriller about five grad students who decide after accidentally killing a din-

Fighting Championship That's right! Senseless violence, blood, broken bones, and it's all real! UFC is now up to UFC 9 and finally number one is out on video where supposedly one of the participants died from his injuries.

Kingpin Starring Woody Harrelson, Randy Quaid, and Bill Murray. Harrelson as a maimed pro-bowler, Quaid as an amish bowling prodigy, and Murray as the enemy. This is one of the funniest movies I have seen in a long time. Just watch out for the nightmares you may get from Woody's landlord!

I hope this helps out with your boredom. Here are a few other releases worth checking out: **Phenomenon**, **2 Days in the Valley**, **A Time To Kill**, **Supercop**, and **Dragonheart**.



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My Two Cents' Worth

by Jane Djivre
Contributor

For those people that know me, I have a reputation of being, shall we say, cheap. I prefer the term frugal. And I am sure I am not alone. I have created a quiz to test your own Cheapo Factor (CF). Simply assign yourself a point if you have ever done or thought about doing the following.

1. In winter you can bury food right outside your door instead of wasting money on a freezer. Make sure you have a shovel handy. Not recommended for meat.
2. Use expired coupons with a convincing face. If they notice the date say, Oh, I didn't realize. They usually believe you and they might even try to find you a new one.
3. Make a purchase by credit card. If you then realize you do not need an item, take it back with the receipt that has the item and not the credit card number. If the number is not on it you will usually get cash back right away, weeks before you have to pay the bill. Just don't forget to pay the bill.
4. When your toothpaste is finished, cut open the tube. You will be sur-

prised at the reserves. This can be done with anything in a tube.

5. Make a purchase at Canadian Tire. If you return the item, you still get to keep the Canadian Tire money, so they're really paying you. (Editor's Note - Yes you get to keep the CT money but it is deducted from your total refund! For example a purchase of \$9.99 gets 30 cents in CT money. If you don't return the CT money, your refund is \$11.19 instead of \$11.49 so you aren't saving anything! P.S. I am a cashier at CT so I know this policy!)
6. Cut your money in half, and use it one half at a time. Just explain that's how you got it. If they really put up a fuss give the other half.
7. Ask store managers if they match prices. They usually do and sometimes beat the price by up to 10% (like Zellers). Off the Record (City Centre) is a price matching store.
8. If in need of pens and pencils, make friends with the LU cleaning staff. Do you know how many people lose stuff that's cleaned up by the staff at the end of the day?
9. Make the most of your tax return. Students are entitled to all types of

benefits. There are also ways to increase your benefits, such as opening an RRSP or making charitable contributions. I guess you could also register yourself as a charity, but that might be pushing it..

10. Get a part time job in a drug store. Employees get huge discounts on everything in the store. However, I don't recommend mentioning this in the interview!
11. No money? Apply for bursaries. Five minutes filling out a form could translate into hundreds. Not qualified for bursaries? Apply for scholarships, usually based on marks, and sometimes on school, sports, or community involvement. Don't have that either? You might want to look into other ideas on this page.
12. When your deodorant runs out, take it apart and scrape the bits into a new one. Does not work for creams or sprays.
13. Use your toothbrush longer than the prescribed three months, preferably until the bristles start falling out. The three month thing sounds like a conspiracy to me!
14. Learn to use a glue gun. It will be your best friend when your shoes

start falling apart.

15. Buy a plastic bowling set. Instead of going out every weekend, invite people over, charge a nominal fee, and bowl at home while making a profit.
16. Take all you plastic bags to Miracle Mart. They pay three cents a bag which could add up over a few years.
17. Visit the pet store frequently and build a relationship with one of the animals instead of buying one of your own. Choose a really ugly one because it will probably stay there for a while.
18. When making a cup of tea use a coffee maker and brew a whole pot with one bag instead of just a cup. If you don't drink it all, just microwave it the next day. You can do this 2 or 3 days, or at least until the mold starts to grow.
19. Visit the clearance section of your grocery store. It's in the back and it

sells EZCheese for 99 cents.

20. For a cool gift, put soap in a sock. It's a sock with soap in it. Tie dye for extra appeal.

Bonus: If you want a cold glass of water go to a Chinese restaurant and order a buffet. Don't eat, but when your water comes, drink it and exit. Thank the waitress and explain you must leave. Don't forget to pick up mints on the way out.

Rating

1. 10-20 = Supercheapo! You know the tricks of the trade, but maybe a little too well!
2. 5-9 = Pretty Cheap. You are getting a handle on the art of cheapness.
3. 1-4 = Getting there. Hang around 1 or 2 rated people and you'll learn!
4. 0 = Nowhere. There's a cheapo in you somewhere dying to get out! Whatever your rating, consider a little frugality in your financial diet. It ain't all that bad! And that's my two cents' worth.

LAST CALL

Auditions for
"Single & Sexy"

A Bilingual Play about Sexual Attitudes in the 90's

When: April 4, 1997
From: 4-6 p.m.
Where: Fraser Auditorium
Who: Any Laurentian student interested in acting. There are 6 parts, 3 female and 3 male.
What's in it for you: The actors are granted a small honorarium as well as gaining valuable acting experience.
What to bring: Prepare a monologue and a song.
IMPORTANT: You must be available for rehearsals starting the month of August.
Bilingual applicants preferred.
For more information call Bill Sanders at ext. 2300.

DERNIER RAPPEL

Auditions pour
<<Single and Sexy>>

Une pièce de théâtre bilingue sur les attitudes relatives au sexe dans les années 90

Date: Le 4 avril 1997
Heure: De 16 h à 18 h
Lieu: Auditorium Fraser
Comédiens: Tout étudiant ou étudiante de la Laurentienne que aimerait jouer dans une pièce de théâtre. Il y a 6 rôles, soit 3 féminins et 3 rôles masculins.
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Pour de plus amples renseignements, communiquez avec Bill Sanders au poste 2300.

Kraft Dinner Recipe of the Week

Cheesy Pita Pockets

Ingredients: 1 Box Kraft Dinner
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Lettuce, Sliced Tomatoes, Onions, Green Peppers, Olives

Directions: Make KD according to directions on side of box. Slice up lettuce, onions, tomatoes and any other sandwich toppings you prefer while KD is cooking. When KD is ready you can either use it right away for a hot sandwich, or refrigerate and eat later cold. Cut open one end of the pita shell, place a few leaves of lettuce in then spoon in 1-4 spoonfuls of KD depending on how much you want in it. Then add any other toppings you desire (onions, tomatoes, olives, green peppers, etc.) and enjoy your Cheesy Kraft Pita Pockets.



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The Marathon starts at 9 am on Saturday, April 26th at the City Centre Cinemas and will run all day with prizes and giveaways to be awarded at the screenings. Those attending will have an opportunity to win tickets to the Toronto International Film Festival's Closing Gala, one of the hottest tickets in the province (last year guest attendees were **Tom Hanks, Liv Tyler and Tom Everett Scott**...) with accommodations at the Howard Johnson Downtown Plaza Hotel. Other prizes include VIA Rail travel certificates, a value of \$750.00. David Cronenberg autographed Crash posters, classic film video box sets, free movie tickets and much more.

The pledge driven Marathon will support Cinefest and the Toronto International Film Festival Group. All collected dollars will go towards assisting film activities in Sudbury and throughout the province.

With a minimum of \$25.00 in pledges, audiences will have the opportunity to see classic films, win valuable prizes and be part of one of the most exciting events this year in Sudbury.

For more information and to secure your seat at the Ontario Movie Marathon call (705) 688-1234.

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WITH THE LIGHTS ON!
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THAT AND JUST SIT
STILL!
Now my hands are
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CHAINED TO A
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Star Wars Lines You Never Thought About!

I know everyone out there has now seen the Star Wars movies about a thousand times now, but did you pick up on all the sexual innuendo throughout the movies? If not, here are the top ten lines from Star Wars and Empire Strikes Back that may make you stop and think, "What the hell are they really talking about?" Just think, you may never be able to look at these movies in the same way again!

Star Wars

10. Get in there you big hairy oaf, I don't care what you smell!
9. Luke, at that speed do you think you will be able to pull out in time?
8. Put that thing away before you get us all killed.
7. You've got something jammed in here real good!
6. Aren't you a little short for a Stormtrooper?
5. You came in that thing? You are braver than I thought.
4. Sorry about the mess...
3. Look at the size of that thing!
2. Curse my metal body, I wasn't fast enough.
1. She may not look like much, But she's got it where it counts.

The Empire Strikes Back

10. I thought that hairy beast would be the end of me.
9. Size matters not. Judge me by my size, do you?
8. There's an awful lot of moisture in here!
7. But now we must eat. Cum, good food, cummm....
6. That's okay. I'd like to keep it on manual control for a while.
5. Hurry up, Golden Rod!
4. I must've hit it pretty close to the mark to get her all riled up like that, huh kid?
3. Possible he came in through the south entrance?
2. And I thought they smelled bad on the outside!
1. Control! Control! You must learn control!

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention all arts students who still lack their science requirement

As you know, all students in Humanities and Social Sciences must take 6 credits in Science in order to graduate. You probably also know that the Faculty of Science does not make it easy to fulfill this requirement. Only one science course is tailored for Arts students: Contemporary Science-GSCI 1010 EZ. My advice is to take this course in the Spring Session. Sincerely, Dr. Rand Dyck, Vice-Dean of Social Sciences.

"NCBI: The Next Step"

As part of its Days Without Discrimination Series, the LU Women's Centre presents "NCBI: The Next Step", on Friday, April 4, 1997, 9 to 4 p.m. All those who have attended the "Welcoming Diversity" workshop with NCBI are welcomed to attend. There is no cost to participants. Location: T.B.A. For further information and/or to pre-register, please call 675-1151 (1089)

Indian Vegetarian Cooking

As part of its Wellness Series, the LU Women's Centre presents "Indian Vegetarian Cooking" on Saturday, April 12, 1997, 12 to 3 p.m. in L-239. Cost: \$4 (students, enemployed); \$8 (other). Cost includes a full dinner and a demonstration. Please call 675-1151(1089) for further information and/or to pre-register.

Canadian Crossroads International

Crossroads is now recruiting for applicants for its overseas programmes in 1998. Crossroads is an organization which fosters global understanding by placing Canadian volunteers in countries of the developing world, by placing volunteers from developing countries in Canada, and by promoting understanding through education. Placements are short term, 4 to 6 months, and students can complete their stay over the summer period. Crossroaders stay with families in the country of their placement and are assigned a job; no particular skills are required. Anybody over the age of 19 is eligible to apply, but people with more than 8 weeks of experience in a developing country are not normally accepted.

For the past ten years, volunteers from Sudbury have participated in the Crossroads programme visiting countries in South America, the Caribbean, Africa, and southern Asia. Normally there are one or two placements a year from Sudbury.

Anybody interested in the Crossroads programme or wishing to apply should contact Paddy Blenkinsop at the office of Student Life, Room L210, 2nd floor, Parker Building; telephone 673-6506 (Work). Applications may be accepted up to August 1st 1997.

"Fit for Heart" Memorial Snow-baseball Tournament

Sunday, April 6 beginning at 12:00p.m. there will be a "Fit for Heart" Memorial Snow-baseball Tournament for Brian Clark at the soccer field by the Ben Avery Gymnasium. Donations can be made to the Sudbury Heart and Stroke Association in Brian's name and all participants will receive a sponsorship kit to collect donations. There is no entry fee to play in this tournament as it is organized in Brian's memory solely to enjoy the game as much as he did. Each team must consist of ten people and at least four must be females. You can register an entire team if you have one or you can come as an individual and join a team on Sunday if you wish. It will be a three-pitch tournament. Each game will be either five innings or forty-five minutes long. Anyone interested in participating or assisting in organizing the event should contact Simon Talbot (Thorneloe Residence Council President) at 675-6529, Ryan "Gary" Brazier at 670-2426, or Dave Marwick (UC/SSR Residence Life Coordinator) at 675-481

University-wide consultation on the draft Charter of Student Rights, Responsibilities and Code of Student Conduct

Further to the June 1996 Senate meeting, Dr. Geoff Tesson, the VP Academic, directed the Department of Student Affairs to revise the Code of Student Conduct as well as to draft a Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities

An extensive internal consultation at the University was deemed critical in reviewing the new Charter and Code prior to their submission at the May Senate meeting. To guide the consultation process, a Task Force was established. The Task Force is composed of individuals from various University constituencies such as students, faculty and administration.

The Task Force invites the University community to review the draft Charter of Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Code of Student Conduct and to provide their comments and suggestions by Friday, April 4, 1997 by forwarding them directly to the Office of Student Life or by email at STDCD.L. Copies of the Code and Charter can be obtained at the SGA, AEF offices, your union or association, or at the Office of Student Life (room L210, down the Hall from the Bookstore)

To facilitate further input from the university community, an open forum was held on Monday, March 24, 1997. It was decided by the people present to hold a second meeting to complete the review of the Charter and Code. The date for the second open forum is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 1997 from 9:30 am-noon in room L239. The meeting will be conducted in both official languages. We welcome your participation in this important student life matter!

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- to prepare art work for upcoming activities(1st term)
- liaise with all advertisers for SGA publications

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- \$8.00 per hour plus mileage expenses
- experience in a sales related field
- bilingualism an asset
- must have own transportation

General Duties

- to sell advertising for SGA media ie: handbook, calendars, posters, frosh kits, billboards
- liaise with Graphic Artist
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Please forward resume by April 11, 1997 to
Mike Grube, President
Students' General Association
Laurentian University Student Centre
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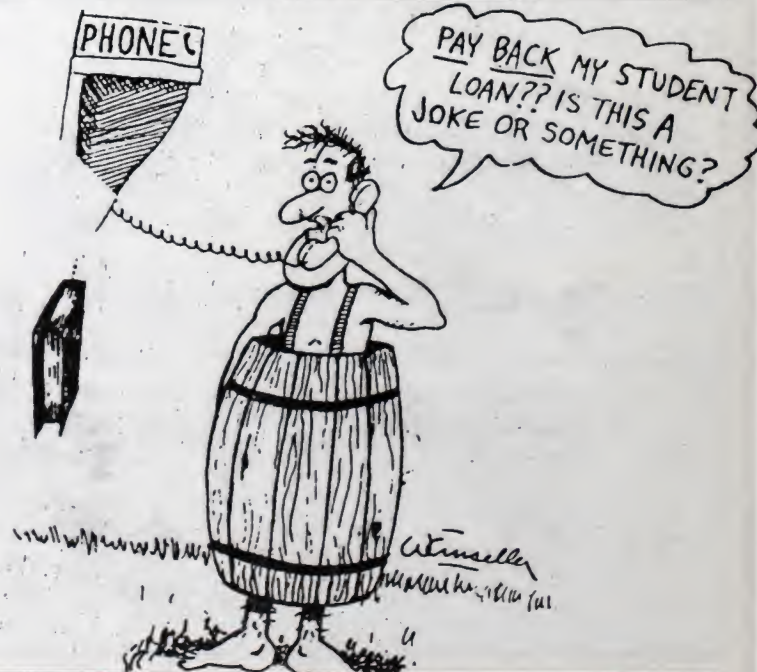
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Chess at the Olympics?

by Remi Gunn
Sports Editor

I was surfing the 'net this past weekend and I chanced upon an interesting tidbit of sporting news. FIDE (Chess' international governing body) is making a concerted effort to get chess accepted as an Olympic sport. Don't laugh. The case for chess as a sport is a good one. Demanding intense concentration, years of skill development and a surprising degree of physical stamina, there is little doubt that chess is a sport in the truest sense of the word. Whether or not it deserves to be in the Olympics is a matter of opinion. But, hey, if ballroom dancing can be considered an Olympic event, why can't chess. Either way, FIDE is making a go of it, with the potential of upsetting many people's perceptions of chess and, indeed, of sport itself. So, just what makes chess a worthy sport?

When one thinks of chess, one instantly thinks of old men hunched over boards on park benches or there is that nasty, nerdy image attached to high school chess clubs. People see chess as a game for old men or ineffectual geeks. This is a myth. The day where chess was an old man's game is long past. Youth is as important to chess as it is to most other sports. For instance, the world's youngest chess grandmaster (translation: the equivalent of playing hockey at the NHL level) became a grandmaster at the age of fourteen. The youngest world champion, Gary Kasparov, received the title when he was a mere twenty-two. Even by middle age, grandmasters begin to lose their competitive edge, much like in other sports.

As far as chess being a game for geeks, this is another myth. Famous chess players include Howard Stern, John Wayne, Barbara Streisand, Kareem Abdul-Jabar, Ringo Starr (ok, so maybe the occasional geek does play) and Marlon Brando, not to mention a distin-

guished line of chess-playing dictators and tyrants (Ivan the Terrible, Napoleon, Stalin, Castro, etc.). This goes to show that chess is really a lot more popular than most people think.

Chess also has a worldwide appeal that many Olympic sports could only hope to have. Last year's Chess Olympiad (a FIDE-organized team event) featured men's teams from well over 100 nations and women's teams from just under 80 nations. Compare this to, say, the less than ten teams competing in synchronized swimming and you can see that chess would be a more than worthy Olympic sport.

One problem with chess today, however, is the fact that the chess world has traditionally been a male-dominated one, where women are seen as incompetent interlopers playing a man's game. This attitude has been furthered by the fact that many of the top chess players in the world, including Gary Kasparov and past world champion Bobby Fischer, don't feel that women belong in the same league as the men. In spite of this, there are women's chess championships, and a number of women's chess tournaments are held each year. There are also some women players who are bucking the trend and are competing in men's events. Hungarian Judit Polgar, for instance, became a grandmaster at the age of fifteen and refuses to play in any women-only events. This is an almost unprecedented move in any sport, let alone chess. So, though the gender



barrier is great, it is not insurmountable and it is beginning to crumble.

What few seem to understand, also, is the level of sheer athleticism required for top-level play. Physical stamina is almost as important as mental stamina if one wants to play with the world's best. Spending up to five hours concentrating on one game is a truly exhausting act. This doesn't include the weeks and months of preparation just to be ready to play. Champion chess players spend as much time preparing for their matches as other athletes spend preparing for their events.

So is chess a sport? Definitely. Does it deserve to be in the Olympics? Considering its world-wide appeal and fierce level of competition, I'd like to think so. I would also like to hear any of your opinions about this. So if you think I'm right or even if you think I'm dead wrong, drop your reply off at the Lambda office (SCE 301) or email s3000240@nickel.laurentian.ca.

Clothes make the man

by Erik White

Contributor

There are probably some sports fans out there who think that team uniforms really don't have too much to do with the sports themselves and that they are just shameless attempts at making more money through merchandising. Okay, that's true, but I'm going to talk about them anyway.

Consequential or not, uniforms dress up the game and provide some of the most memorable (or forgettable) moments in pro sports.

Who will forget the Montreal Expos' tri-colour hats? That day in 1976 when the Chicago White Sox played in Bermuda shorts? The old Pittsburgh Penguins' logo featuring a scarf wearing mascot? Or those hideous, bargain basement Los Angeles Kings' bright yellow duds of the 1970s?

The evolution of sports fashion has been quite dramatic over the years. In the beginning, uniforms were very plain, with maybe the city's name or a simple logo, but missing were the neon colours, jersey numbers and players' names we see today.

By the '60s, uniforms were colourful and more detailed, just in time for the wave of ugliness brought in by expansion teams hoping to even-out effective marketing with terrible performance. This expansion era brought us the oranges, yellows, greens, bright reds and in some unfortunate cases, the browns (Yecch!) that we all know and hate. In the next expansion group of the 1980s and '90s, the NBA pioneered a new revolution with bright colours like teal, silver, purple and other pastels. Along with the unconventional colours came unconventional nicknames like Heat, Magic, Sharks, Mighty Ducks (Shiver!) and Raptors to name a few. Also in the '90s came third uniforms, a uniform that wasn't home or away, but used occasionally in an attempt to drum up more merchandising business. The NHL uses them the most (including a really, really ugly one in Boston) and baseball uses them as well. Through all the change, some teams have kept their look basically the same over the decades like the Montreal Canadiens, Boston Celtics, N.Y. Yankees and Green Bay Packers. This sense of keeping with what works is a welcome change from the constant and unnecessary alterations of teams like the Los Angeles / California / Anaheim Angels.

What does the future hold for uniforms? Technicolor? Plaid? Spandex? (Don't laugh the Australian National Basketball team already has it!) I'm sure I don't know, but whatever it is, I'm frightened. Anyway, here's my best-worst dressed lists for the present:

MLB Best Dressed: Seattle Mariners, Houston Astros, New York Yankees.

MLB Worst Dressed: Toronto Blue Jays, Philadelphia Phillies, Anaheim Angels.

NHL Best Dressed: Washington Capitals, Chicago Blackhawks, Edmonton Oilers.

NHL Worst Dressed: Phoenix Coyotes, Buffalo Sabres, Boston Bruins.

NBA Best Dressed: Seattle Supersonics, Denver Nuggets, Toronto Raptors.

NBA Worst Dressed: New Jersey Nets, Cleveland Cavaliers, Houston Rockets.

NFL Best Dressed: New England Patriots, Indianapolis Colts, Philadelphia Eagles.

NFL Worst Dressed: Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Kansas City Chiefs, Arizona Cardinals.

So there you go, all you ever wanted to know about uniforms in professional sports. Just some parting words, if anybody out there in Lambdaland goes on to own a team or have anything to do with sports in the future, please think twice about your colour scheme and logo. Only you can prevent ugly uniforms. If you need an example of an ugly uniform, just look to the 1984 San Diego Padres, and pick the exact opposite of that atrocity.

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